

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16, and cancel Claims 22-28, all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-based extendable application framework, comprising:
a user interface;
~~at least one~~ a plurality of services;
~~at least one~~ a plurality of extensions to extend an application;
wherein each one of the plurality of services is associated with an extension in the plurality of extensions;
wherein one of the plurality of extensions can expose and consume services associated with another extension in the plurality of extensions;
wherein one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions can provide functionality accessible in the user interface; and
wherein one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of services can provide access to functionality in one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions ~~to another one of the at least one extension.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions can utilize one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of services.
3. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
4. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
an extension can include at least one of: 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language) description; 2) a set of classes; and 3) a set of resources.
5. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.
6. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
an extension can define handlers.

7. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.
8. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for configuring an application, comprising the steps of:
providing a user interface to allow user interaction with the application;
providing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of extensions to extend the application, wherein the providing permits one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions to provide functionality accessible in the user interface; and
providing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of services wherein the providing permits one of the ~~at~~ least one plurality of services to provide access to functionality in one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions to another one of the at least one extension;
wherein each one of the plurality of services is associated with an extension in the plurality of extensions; and
wherein one of the plurality of extensions can expose and consume services associated with another extension in the plurality of extensions.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein:
one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions can utilize one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of services.
10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension can include at least one of: 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language) description; 2) a set of classes; and 3) a set of resources.
12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:
a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension can define handlers.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.
15. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:
provide a user interface to allow user interaction with ~~the~~ an application;
provide ~~at least one~~ a plurality of extensions to extend the application, wherein the providing permits one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions to provide functionality accessible in the user interface; and
provide ~~at least one~~ a plurality of services wherein the providing permits one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of services to provide access to functionality in one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions to another one of the at least one extension;
wherein each one of the plurality of services is associated with an extension in the plurality of extensions; and
wherein one of the plurality of extensions can expose and consume services associated with another extension in the plurality of extensions.
16. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of extensions can utilize one of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of services.
17. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
18. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension can include at least one of: 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language) description; 2) a set of classes; and 3) a set of resources.
19. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:

a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension can define handlers.

21. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2)
a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.

22-28. (Canceled).